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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK OFFERS JUNIOR RANGER WILDERNESS DAY CAMP**

**For Kids 10 to 14 Years Old**

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West) will offer a three-day Junior Ranger Wilderness Day Camp, for kids 10 through 14 years of age. **The dates for the camp will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>.** The camp includes a variety of fun, hands-on activities such as hiking, exploring, compass and map reading, radio telemetry tracking of Desert Tortoise, and an exhilarating night hike with story telling. Participants will also learn how to select a campsite and pitch a tent, cook with a lightweight backpacking stove, and hike safely in the wilderness. These skills will be learned through active demonstrations and activities, all designed to help children explore the desert, learn about nature, and have fun in the great outdoors. Camp hours are 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, and 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday. The camp will conclude with a night hike and campfire on Saturday. Please let us know if families need special arrangements for drop-off or pick-up times. The camp will be held at the park's Environmental Education Center, near the Red Hills Visitor Center, located at 2700 North Kinney Road (approximately 2 miles northwest of the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum). As space in the camp is limited, advanced reservations are required, and must be made by February 21<sup>st</sup>. To register for the camp, or for more detailed information, please contact Park Ranger Chip Littlefield. You can reach Chip by telephone at 733-5157, or by E-mail at [chip\\_littlefield@nps.gov](mailto:chip_littlefield@nps.gov). The camp fee is \$30 per child for all three days. Don't wait, sign up now!

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